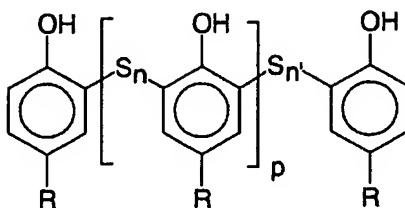


CLAIMS

1. A sulfur-donor vulcanizing agent comprising the
5 combination of:

- 10 to 90% of a product (I) consisting of a mixture of poly(alkylphenol) polysulfides of formula:



(I)

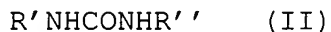
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in which:

- R is an alkyl radical having 1 to 20 carbon atoms,
- n and n' are two integers that are identical or
15 different, each being greater than or equal to 1
and less than or equal to 8,
- p is an integer between 0 and 50, and

- from 10 to 90% of a compound of formula (II)

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in which R' and R'' that are identical or different,
each represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl or aryl
radical having 1 to 20 carbon atoms.

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2. The vulcanizing agent as claimed in claim 1,
characterized in that a product of formula (I) is used
in which R is an alkyl radical having 4 to 10 carbon
atoms, n and n' are each greater than or equal to 1 and
30 less than or equal to 4, and p is an integer between 0
and 20.

3. The vulcanizing agent as claimed in either of claims 1 or 2, characterized in that a compound of formula (II) is used in which R' and R'' represent an alkyl radical having 1 to 3 carbon atoms.

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4. The vulcanizing agent as claimed in either of claims 1 or 2, characterized in that the compound II is urea.

10 5. The vulcanizing agent as claimed in one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that a mixture is used of compounds of formula (I) in which R is an alkyl radical having at least one tertiary carbon by which R is linked to the aromatic nucleus.

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6. The vulcanizing agent as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that R is a tertio-butyl or tertio-pentyl radical.

20 7. The vulcanizing agent as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the mixture of compounds of formula (I) is such that the average value of n and n' is approximately 2, and the average value of p is approximately 5.

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8. A method for vulcanizing an elastomeric composition of the EPDM type presenting no risk relative to nitrosamines, comprising the incorporation of an effective quantity of the vulcanizing agent as
30 claimed in one of claims 1 to 7 in the vulcanizable elastomeric composition.

9. The vulcanization method as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the elastomeric composition
35 incorporates as an elastomer one or more terpolymers of ethylene, propylene and ethylidene norbornene.

10. The vulcanization method as claimed in either of claims 8 or 9, characterized in that the effective

quantity of vulcanizing agent is between 0.4 and 6 parts by weight, preferably between 0.8 and 3 parts by weight, per 100 parts by weight of elastomer.